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Hongkong, November 27, 1905. 1815

Intimations.

HONGKONG REGATTA.

SECOND ANNUAL MEETING.

(Under the Patronage of H.E. The Governor.)

THE COMMITTEE REQUEST the PLEASURE of the PRESENCE of the LADIES of HONGKONG, on the Flagship and Promenade at Aberdeen on SATURDAY, the 10th December. By kind permission of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, the Flagship will be moored alongside the Aberdeen Dock, where the lawn will be available as a promenade. Ticket, at \$2 per head, will be provided by the Occidental Hotel in the matched on shore, where refreshments may also be obtained. Afternoon tea will be served on the lawn. The Flagship **SAN CHEONG** will leave her Wharf at Wing Lok Street for Aberdeen at 10 a.m. and return after the last race. Spectators may travel either way on the Flagship. By kind permission of the Dock Company the **"EDITH"** will leave Blake Pier at 11.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. to convey visitors to the regatta, returning after the last race. By kind permission of Lieut. Colonel H. G. FITTON, D.S.O., and Officers, the Band of the Royal West Kent Regiment will perform during the Regatta. The first race will be started at 11.30 a.m. TICKETS of Admission to flagship and enclosure at \$1 each may be obtained on the Flagship; from Messrs KELLY & WALSH; or from A. B. ROUSE, Esq., Hon. Treas., Hongkong Regatta, (of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd.)

F. W. WARRE,

Hon. Secretary, Hongkong Regatta,

Hongkong, December 7, 1905. 2262

REGATTA HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with Government Notification No. 804 the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on SATURDAY, the 10th instant.

Hongkong, December 6, 1905. 2255

FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

REGATTA HOLIDAY.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that FIRE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on SATURDAY, the 10th instant.

By order, A. R. LOWE,

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NOTICE.
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REUTER, BROCKELMANN & CO.
Canton, December 1, 1905. 2229

NOTICE.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that as from the 1st December, 1905, MR ESSOOPALLY SOLEMANJEE will be in Charge of our Hongkong Firm.
ABDOULLAH IBRAHIM & CO.
Dated the November, 1905. 2226

NOTICE.
I HAVE THIS DAY APPOINTED Messrs SHEWAN, TOMES & CO. GENERAL MANAGERS for Hongkong for the above Society, in the place of Mr F. KIENE, whose engagement has been terminated.
J. T. HAMILTON,
General Manager for the East.
Hongkong, November 15, 1905. 2122

REDUCTION OF PRICE.
THE Undersigned has to inform the Public that owing to rise in Exchange they have from this date REDUCED THEIR PRICE for VIEW POST CARDS of Hongkong, Macao, Canton, and Chinese subject, from \$1 to 50 Cents a Dozen.
GRAO & CO.
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Hongkong, December 1, 1905. 2230

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Terms Moderate.
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Hongkong, December 6, 1905. 2

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Hongkong, October 5, 1905.

C. H. GRACE, -
Secretary.

Yongkang, June 1, 1905. 1860
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Hongkong, December 1, 1905. 1864

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Hongkong, June 27, 1905. 1803

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Hongkong, November 29, 1905. 23

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TELEPHONE, 224.
HONGKONG, MARCH 14, 1906. 1807

A New Jargon

'Quit' has begun to appear on invitation cards, giving one crest from the erstwhile inevitable Rider. But 'Quit' parties, I find (writes a contributor to a London papers), strain the temper. 'Pit' produced a hoarse voice, Bridge a strained expression. So far, no physical ills have been attributed to the game, but it certainly puts one's inability to a strong test, because one is always being balked, and that is never pleasant. I can see that it will provide us with an entirely new jargon this winter, for after a 'Quit' party the other evening I heard players who had found out all too late that they should have done this or that at the psychological moment, which was seized by someone else, excitedly gabbling about 'five by card and ten by honour' and 'wringing over 'natural highs' and the following up of 'sequences.' To the uninitiated this sounds as if a learned musical discussion were *en train*. Those who know, however, are only too painfully aware that these terms spell success or failure.

Ladies as Talkers

Last week (writes a correspondent to the *World*). I spoke of women as conversationalists, a precept of which I have been asked whether a woman should 'get up' on masculine topics like sport and politics, or whether she should just 'run on' till she finds a subject of interest to the person to whom she is talking. The latter course, I am inclined to think, is the safer one, when a woman can 'run on' rhetorically. By that I mean, when she can be intentionally discursive and really know how to glide from subject to subject without becoming a positive bore. I think, as a rule, men like women to chatter about themselves, just as women like men to talk to them about what are called masculine topics. But if women had only men, and men had only women, to talk to, they would soon bore each other to death, and become as dull as the proverbial ditch-water. Each sex really most enjoys conversation with its own kind; but to talk freely with men saves women from becoming narrow-minded, and men from being self-opinionated. It is never, however, between the opposite sexes that revelation of the inner man or inner woman is made in conversation. When there is anything of this sort to be done, men like to talk with men, and women like to talk with women, and a woman is always more fluent with another woman in similar circumstances.

Blindfold Pigeon

It is an excellent thing to be very silly sometimes, says the same writer. I suppose this is a dangerous doctrine to preach, since it might be urged as an excuse for all sorts of follies ; but all the same, I believe it has quite a tonic effect on some people ; occasionally 'act silly,' as the nurses

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Hongkong, July 13, 1905. 1091

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say. It does not sound a difficult game to play at, and yet I am not sure that it is quite easy to get about it in a successful fashion. I can recommend one way, however, and that is to get a "Pig Book." It is quite astonishing what a thawing effect this volume will have on people who otherwise seem to find it quite impossible to dispense anywhere, and most folk become quite uproarious under its influence. "A Pig Book" requires no elaborate explanation. It is simply an album with blank spaces bordered with humorous piggy sketches. In these spaces one induces friends to draw a pig with their eyes shut, and sign the effort. Amazing results invariably follow. They are always provocative of mirth. Once got people to laugh, and then you are, so I suggest, "A Pig Book" as a sure means of producing that occasional silliness which is decidedly wholesome. I think dentists should keep a completed "Pig Book" on the tables of their waiting-rooms. It would be sure to dispel the gloom induced by waiting for the dread summons to what our American friends call the "dental parlour."

Pretty Fans.

A tiny ivory fan is the latest form of Parisian fancy, and girls are hunting their family archives through to find those that were fashionable 70 years ago. Rich parents are this summer presenting their daughters with monogram fans. A girl carries a small silk fan of the folded variety, and in the habit of opening it and laying it on her lap, and in the middle of the fan her name will be seen most exquisitely printed on a specially wrought lace. Another idea is a blue linen fan with a monogram in the centre of it embellished with a little circle of green leaves. The appearance is very much as though it were a medallion set into the fan. And still another fan is made of tulle, with a worked medallion in the middle and a lace ornament at each side.

Dentistry.

DR. HARRY FONG,
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First-class Fare \$3 each way. Second-class, \$1.00 each way. Meals, \$1 each. Cargo Freight very moderate.

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Hongkong, April 1, 1905.

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Auctions.



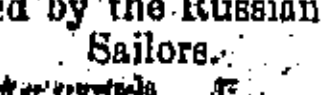
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Particulars of the Lot.

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						S. W.	N. E.
Inland Lot No. 1171	1171	Kou Fou	1171	189	8	3.81	
2 Do.	1175	Fong	1175	23,561			
3 Do.	1240		1240	18,694			
4 Do.	1250		1250	18,678			
5 Do.	1251		1251	17,706			
6 Do.	1252		1252	6,218			
7 Do.	1253		1253	3,232			
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Ham, Best York 70 cts. per lb
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Kidneys, Australian Sheep 5 cts. each
Legs, Australian Sheep 5 cts. each
Oysters, American, large size, \$2.50 per tin.
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bottles 1.50
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Pigeons, Local 50 cts. each
Pigeons, Wild, Dressed 20 cts. each
Rabbits, Australian 1st Grade, 55 cts. each
Rice Birds 55 cts. per doz.
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Sausages, Own Make (of Aus-
tralian Meats) 25 cts. per lb
Salmon, Local 55 cts. each
Tongues, Australian Sheep 50 cts. each
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KERR.—On December 5, at 11 p.m., at
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Superintendent Shipwright, aged 49 years.**MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.**
Miscellaneous.
Goods per Chusan not cleared at 4 p.m.
on this date subject to rent.**General Memoranda.****SATURDAY, December 6—**
6 p.m.—Performance in St. Patrick's Club.
MONDAY, December 11—
11 a.m.—Auction of Remnants of Fur-
niture, etc., at King's Park, Kowloon.
3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Lands at the
Public Works Department's Office.
Goods per Paoan undelivered after this
date subject to rent.**SATURDAY, December 10—**
Noon—Meeting of China Traders' In-
surance Co., Ltd., at Head Office.**The China Mail.**

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1905.

LE DEBACLE.

FOLLOWING the lead of those writers
who prefer to give the suggestion and
let the student exercise his ingenuity
in discovering the fact that is
thus masked, suppliers of our
cable-service give us to understand
that the long expected has happened
and that the Balfour ministry has re-
signed. That is the only inference to
be drawn from the announcement that
Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman has
kissed His Majesty's hand and is to
submit at an early date a list of the
names of the gentlemen who are to
form the new Cabinet. There are no
dress rehearsals in such momentous
matters as Imperial politics and it may
be accepted that the regime of the
Conservatives has ended and that the
destinies of the British race will be,
for the time being, dependent upon the
guidance of Liberal statesmen. It is de-
sirable at this juncture to take a brief
survey of the principal events which
marked the Salisbury-Balfour adminis-
tration—as far as foreign and colonial
affairs have been concerned. During
the decade the map of the world has
been considerably altered, new factors
have come into international politics,
old alliances have been weakened and
new combinations and understandings
have been effected. And how has
Great Britain fared? There can be
but one answer. Despite mistakes,
blunders and muddling, the Empire—
notwithstanding the croaking of a few
poor pessimists who have the intel-
lectual limitation of not being able to
see the glorious heavens above so
intent are they upon studying the mud
at their feet—is in an infinitely stronger
and prouder position to-day than she
was ten years ago. The area of land
which can now proudly claim the
liberty which is over-land where the
British flag waves, has grown at a rate
that must occasion despair to all
earnest but misguided Protectionists
like Mr. Chamberlain, and our great
ship-building yards, after temporary
stagnation, are now in the happy
position of turning away orders. We
were solemnly warned that our shipping
was in imminent danger of being swept
from the seas but what do we find?
The returns for Hongkong, the premier
port of the world, can be fairly select-
ed as a criterion to support the con-
tentions of those who believe in our
country and to confuse the croakers
who turn their blind eye to the
signal of prosperity. There is never any
harm in insisting upon a point which the
melancholy foretellers of our national
collapse conveniently forget when airing
their doleful theories. Consequently
we invite attention to this extract
from an article published in the
CHINA MAIL on October 5—the follow-
ing table gives the British and German
trade in Hongkong between 1894 and
1904—

	British	Tonnage.
1894	3,011	3,889,862
1899	3,609	4,382,204
1904	5,999	6,682,938
	German	Tonnage.
1894	634	673,989
1899	877	983,118
1904	882	1,268,852

The increase per cent. from 1894 to
1899 was in favour of Germany, British
being 12 and German 23.9, but between
1899 and 1904 it was not quite so
much, British being 39.5 and Germany
51.8 per cent. And—it should not be
necessary to point this out but un-
happily it is—percentage increases are
of little value. If Germany had two
ships in the trade 10 years ago, for
instance, and Great Britain had 100,
and at the end of the decade Germany
had four and England 150, obviously

German shipping would have increased
100 per cent and British only 50 per
cent. But could any one, with a
glimmering of intelligence, claim that
British shipping was being ousted by
German? While our friend the com-
petitor would in this suppositious case
have increased his shipping by two
vessels we would have augmented ours
by 50. Still the pessimists would
probably find in this cause for weeping,
wailing and gnashing of teeth. It is
not claimed that it was by reason of
any particular virtues inherent in the
Conservative Party that our shipping
and foreign trade, as well as our
prestige and power, now stand higher
than ever before, but undoubtedly its
foreign policy has been one of the main
contributory causes. Though some of
us may regret that we have been com-
pelled to abandon our 'splendid isolation',
those 'who place candour before
prejudice, must acknowledge that the
alliance with Japan and the rapproche-
ment with France have solidified our
position and cleared the way to still
greater commercial triumphs. The
Liberal ministry, however it is made
up, is entitled to the lenient judgment
which is the due of the untied and we
for the present confine ourselves to the
hope that the 'historian of the future'
will be able to find in their administra-
tion as much to praise and as little to
blame as he will find in that of the cabinet
which has just—thankfully enough no
doubt—shaken off the cares of office
and returned to the august hands from
which they received it the Grecian gift
of Power.

In yesterday's issue we commented
upon the disadvantages attaching to
journalism in Korea. From recent files
of the *Korean Daily News* we learn that
the Editor of the *Whangung Shinbun*
has been arrested. This has inspired
the Editor of the first mentioned
journal, who has been strongly pro-
Korean ever since he launched his
journalistic barque—he repudiates in-
dignantly the suggestion that he is
anti-Japanese—to moralise and pro-
phesy sorrowfully: 'Poor old Korean
Emperor. Poor old people. As soon as
we come under the new laws it is quite
certain that they will try to arrest us.'
Campbell informs us that the
'Sunset of life gives us mystical lore
and coming events cast their shadows before.'

The influence of Japan over
China will make itself felt to a large
degree in the future; the opinion of
many persons who have studied the
political and commercial questions of
the Far East. Geographically the two
countries are admirably placed for
trading with each other, and the fact
that one still remains immersed in and
encumbered by the traditions of the
past, while the other has emerged
into the blinding light of the twentieth
century should enable Japan to exert
a great influence over the Middle
Kingdom. This view is held in
many quarters and even by a section
of the 'Chinese themselves. General
Yin Chang, the Chinese Minister at
Berlin, who, by the way, will shortly
be leaving the German capital, has
recently voiced his opinions regarding
the influence of Japan. 'The Powers,'
he said, 'are making many mistakes in
dealing with China, and the effect will
be that China will be driven into the
arms of Japan. The Japanese are
taking part more and more in Chinese
commerce, and in the founding of
newspapers with the intention of
gaining a political influence over
the mass of the Chinese population.'
On the other hand the General con-
sidered that Japan was daily becoming
more subservient to Great Britain,
Japan's policy was nothing but Great
Britain's policy. There seems to be a
certain amount of ground for the belief
that the influence of the Island King-
dom of the East will make itself felt
throughout the realm of the Chinese
Emperor, and that the civilisation (as
we understand it), of China will in
great measure be the result of efforts
made by Japan. That these beliefs
are held by some of the Chinese them-
selves indicates that they are gradually
recognising the fact that it is time to
cast aside their present apathy and
arouse themselves. Japan's position
among the Powers of the world, attain-
ed in so short a period, in itself will

be an incentive to the Chinese.
China's advancement may be slow, but
the signs are not wanting that in the
near future it will take a forward step
which will carry the Empire well along
in the march towards civilisation.

Mr Benjamin Battle, we are told
was a soldier brave and went to his
doom through the cruelty of one Miss
Nellie Gray. In the words of the poet:
'A cannon ball took off his leg, and
he laid down his arms.' This unhappy
militaire has a rival in a Melbourne
policeman. Mr Battle it would seem
became disconsolate when he had to
stamp London's streets without legs
while the member of the force, accord-
ing to himself, has been compelled to
patrol Melbourne's streets with two
broken legs. He burst into the gloom
of a recent sitting of the Victorian
Police Commission, a veritable bolt
from the blue, and prefaced the state-
ment of his wrongs by saying 'I have
two broken legs and I am bound to go
about the streets of Melbourne all day
while other men are not.' To walk the
streets of most cities day after day with
even two good legs is apt to become
tiresome and in the Australian cities
there is an absence of those historic
places with tempt the stranger to stop
and ponder. But to a man with two
broken legs even Rome or Athens
would soon lose its attractiveness. Of
course the police officer was not quite
so badly off as this but the terms of his
complaint left it open to a weedy con-
struction.

LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.**The German gunboat 'Loche' arrived
at Pakhoi on November 28.****Leave of absence on private affairs to
the neighbouring countries has been
granted to Lieutenant R. M. Ranking,
Royal Army Medical Corps, from 15th to
24th December, 1905.****The Independence Tonkinensis states
that there is a continuous movement of
the population back to the territory of Krat.
Many of the inhabitants, it will be remem-
bered, left for Siam when the district was
taken over by France, but now they are
back working at their paddy fields. In
fact a larger area than last year is at
present under cultivation.****Flower Show.**
We are requested to remind our readers
of the meeting to be held at the City Hall
at 4.30 to-morrow, Friday, for the purpose
of forming a Society to arrange for an
annual flower show in the Colony.**Li-Chin-Hoi Society.**
There is a display of touch and refine-
ment of expression about journalism in the
north which appales our admiration and
excites our envy. Here is what a recent
Korean Daily News has to say about the
secret society Li-Chin-Hoi: 'These people
now think that it is their turn and ac-
cordingly Seoul is to-day awash with rum-
ours of fat appointments for the leading
lights of the great unwashed. It is whis-
pered that Yun Sping, who led the band,
will be appointed Chief of Police and an-
other little bird says that the Li-Chin-hoi
'Councillor,' Song Pung-chun, will have
the Governorship of Seoul bestowed upon
him. These two luminaries should be con-
demned to banishment upon a desert island
until their hair grows again.'**Victoria Amateur Dramatic Club.**
On December 9, 11, 12 and 16, the
Victoria Amateur Dramatic Club will stage
Dion Boucoucal's three-act drama 'The
Shaughran,' in the theatre, St. Patrick's
Hall. The following is the cast of
characters:—Capt. Molineux, Mr. J. D.
P. Le Grove; Robert Folliott, Mr. A. Can-
ningham; Father Dolan, Mr. A. J. Askey;
Corry Kinch, Mr. W. F. Adolph; Halvey Duff, Mr. A. T. Walter; Conn,
'The Shaughran,' Mr. Geo. Burnett;
Sergeant Jones (of the 49th), Mr. R. G.
Turner; Peasants, Mr. W. J. Marshall, Mr.
O. H. Giffiths, Mr. A. Sheffield, Mr. J.
Doughty, Mr. H. E. Moriarty; Soldiers (of
the 49th), Mr. S. Simmons, Mr. A. Patten,
Mr. W. Lawson; Claire Folliott, Mrs. J.
B. Northam; Arto O'Neale, Mrs. A.
Cunningham; Moys, Mrs. C. Mathews;
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lain's Cough Remedy has been the best
thing I have ever used. It is so good that
it is invaluable with the children and every-
body who has it. It has been used in our
household for years, and it has cured
many cases of cough, cold, and asthma.
It is a most valuable remedy, and I
recommend it to all who are suffering
from any of these ailments. For sale by
all dealers. WATKINS & CO., Ltd., General
Agents.'**LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.****The German Mail of the 6th Novem-
ber was delivered in London on the 6th
December.****Hon. Dr Francis Clark will lecture at
the Union Church Literary Club this even-
ing on 'Law in the days of Dickens,' with
selections from some of Dickens' works.****Leave of absence in extension on
medical certificate has been granted to
Lieutenant H. F. Daines, Royal
Engineers, from 6th to 19th December
1905.****Workmen's Trams.**
When the Legislative Council met this
afternoon His Excellency the Governor
asked the Hon. Dr Ho Kai if he was ready
with his motion concerning the Workmen's
trams. The Member for the Chinese said
that they had not yet finished their in-
vestigation and asked for another adjourn-
ment, which was granted.**Calendars.**
We have received from Messrs Kruse
and Co. a neat calendar advertising Coats
and Co.'s cigarettes; from Messrs Dodwell
and Co. calendar and blotting book (Alliance
Assurance Co.); from Messrs Arnold
Kierberg and Co., calendar and blotting
book (Lancashire Insurance Co.); from
Messrs Calloway and Co., calendar and
blotting book (Transatlantic Fire Insurance
Co.); from Reuter Bruckman and Co.,
calendar (Aschen and Munich Fire In-
surance Co.); from Messrs W. O.
Humphreys and Co., calendar and neat
paper knife (State Fire Insurance Co.).**The Kyushu Coal Trade.**
Encouraged by the prosperous con-
dition of the coal trade, those small collieries
in the Chikubo district of Japan, which had
temporarily been closed through want of
capital, are now resuming work. This is
responsible for an increased output. The
product of the Chikubo mines in October
last was estimated at 485,382 tons, against
441,000 tons for the corresponding month
of last year. The following are the figures
of the output of the district for the three
months ending October 31st, 1905—
August, 583,558; September, 411,573;
October, 465,652.**A Bangkok Gamble.**
The Siamese are apparently as fond
of their gambling game 'leng-ke-dan-chai' as
the Chinese of 'fanton'. Thus, a recent
Bangkok Times says: 'This form of gambling is
too stupid to attract Bangkok people serious-
ly, but the more superstitious people from
the country seem to find it a highly exciting
way of getting rid of their money. The
excitement is over in a moment, and cannot
be repeated that day, a very absurd pro-
vision since as a rule those who play are
'cleaned out' by the single bet. The game
is simply to stake money on the first win-
ning number of the day at the big Tux mat
of a gambling house. Properly there should
be nothing noteworthy in this; the early
gamblers who stake their life in the
opening game of the morning is doing
nothing more risky or foolish than if
he had his fatter in the evening. But
what happens is this: A number of coun-
try people who have got a little money in
hand, consult a priest or priestess of some
kind with a reputation for luck, and pre-
sumably for a consideration, he tells them
what will be the winning number of cowrie
shells in the first game of a certain day.
More people probably join in an afternoon
they are eager to stake all the cash they can
raise. Yesterday morning the crowd of
about 40 people were able to put down
altogether 5,000 ticals. Their prophet was
mistaken, and the gambling farmer raised
in the lot. The deluded people went home
sadder, doubtless, but probably not wiser.'**Duty Stamps in Burma.**
Burma is the only province in India
where non-judicial stamps and Court-
stamps are kept by the postmasters in the
same way as other stamps, and form part
of the post office balance; in other places
the postmasters act as private vendors.
The total sale of general stamps in Burma
for the official year 1904-05 amounted to
Rs. 67,936. Another notable fact recorded
by the Director-General of Post Offices,
India, is that it is usual for the telegraph
to be more freely used for sending
remittances from Burma than from any
other part of India, the number of tele-
graphic orders, 87,235, amounting to Rs.
11,33,053 from this province, being 44.1
per cent. of the entire number issued
during the year.**STEARNS' WINE OF COD LIVER OIL.**
It is the perfect of purity and perfection.
It is a remedy, scientific and of definite
value. Its effects are lasting.**A Prominent Publisher Endorses
Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.**
M. Wotester, Cape Colony, Durban,
says: 'For the past seven years, or since
we have been in South Africa, Chamber-
lain's Cough Remedy has been the best
thing I have ever used. It is so good that
it is invaluable with the children and every-
body who has it. It has been used in our
household for years, and it has cured
many cases of cough, cold, and asthma.
It is a most valuable remedy, and I
recommend it to all who are suffering
from any of these ailments. For sale by
all dealers. WATKINS & CO., Ltd., General
Agents.'**BY TELEGRAPH.****THE LIBERAL MINISTRY.****NAMES TO BE LAID BEFORE
THE KING.**

(Exclusive Service, Supplied by Reuters
via Bombay).
London, December 6.
Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman
will submit to the King on December
11 a list of the Ministers he has chosen
for the Liberal Government.

RUSSIA'S FINANCES.**DEPOSITS IN FOREIGN BANKS.****Sufficient to Pay Interest
on Bonds.**

London, December 6.
M. Rouvier, the Prime Minister of
France, has announced that the
Russian deposits in foreign banks
alone will suffice to pay interest on
bonds for two or three years.

CONTROL OF MACEDONIA.**FORTE ACCEPTS POWERS
SCHEME.**

Numerous Modifications.
London, December 6.
The Porte has accepted the scheme
put forward by the Powers for the
financial control of Macedonia, subject
to numerous modifications.

FALL OF RUSSIAN STOCKS.**Almost a Panic.**

London, December 6.
A further heavy fall in Russian stocks
has caused a collapse of the Paris bourse,
which yesterday verged on a panic.

A Quieter Feeling.

News from St. Petersburg dated Sunday
says that on the whole the feeling is more
confident and the nervousness no longer so
marked; the people are getting used to the
situation.
All the troops in the vicinity have been
called into St. Petersburg.
The run on the Savings Bank continues.

Assembly Demanded.

The revolutionary movement, exercising
the widest control, intends demanding that
Count Witte shall convocate a constituent
assembly.

TURKEY AND THE POWERS.

The international fleet has occupied the
island of Lemnos.

PENNY POSTAGE.

The penny postage rate has been extend-
ed to Egypt and the Sudan, from the 15th
instant.

BANKERMAN ACCEPTS OFFICE.**A Liberal-Union Combine.**

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman has
accepted office.
Before going to Buckingham Palace to
kiss the King's hand, he had a conversation
with the Duke of Devonshire, in which
union with the Liberal-Unionists played
the most important role.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notes are issued by Mr.
Figg of the Hongkong Observatory.
On the 7th at 12.5 p.m. The barometer
has risen over N. China, and fallen over
Japan.
The depression has reached the north-
west of Korea Strait. It continues to
move in an easterly direction.
A N.E. monsoon will set in over the
Korean Channel, and freshen over the N.
part of China Sea during the 24th-26th.
Forecast: N.E. or N.W. winds, clear-
ing; cloudy, probably squally.

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It is the perfect of purity and perfection.
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value. Its effects are lasting.**You Take Desperate Chances
When You Neglect a Cold.**
It should be borne in mind that every
cold weakens the system, lowers the
vitality and makes the system more sus-
ceptible to other diseases. A cold which
is not promptly treated may lead to
serious complications. It is a most val-
uable remedy, and I recommend it to all
who are suffering from any of these ail-
ments. For sale by all dealers. WATKINS
& CO., Ltd., General Agents.

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

DESTINATION.	VESSEL.	AGENCY.	DATE OF LEAVING.
Australian Ports	Changsha (C)	Butterfield & Swire	December 28
Cebu & Iloilo	Kallong (C)	Butterfield & Swire	December 22
Gamoa, Mars, I'pool	Glaucus (C)	Butterfield & Swire	December 20
Java Ports	Tijlasing (A)	Java-China-Japan Lini	1st half of Decr
Japan via Shanghai	Tipanas (A)	Java-China-Japan Lini	2nd half of Decr
Java Ports	Timahi (A)	Java-China-Japan Lini	1st half of Jan
Kobe	Am'dam, A'ers	Butterfield & Swire	December 3
Kobe	Electra (C)	Butterfield & Swire	December 18
I'pool, Am'dam, A'ers	Tevens (C)	Butterfield & Swire	January 2

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	Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid up.	Closing Quotations Last.
	RAILS.				
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	80,000	125	all	1,880,000	
National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	2	2	1,000,000	London, 493
	MARINE INSURANCES.				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ltd.	10,000	250	51	\$330, sellers	
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.	24,000	68.35	25	\$91, buyers	
North China Insurance Co., Ltd.	10,000	10	all	1,000,000, sellers	
Union Insurance Society, Ltd.	10,000	250	10	\$730, sellers	
Yonghe Insurance Association, Ltd.	5,000	100	60	\$170	
	FIRE INSURANCES.				
Yonghe Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	20,000	100	23	\$87	
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	5,000	220	67	\$335, sellers	
	DOCKS, ETC.				
H. Kong & Whampoa Dock Co. Ltd.	50,000	50	all	\$164, sellers	
Geo. Fawcett & Co., Limited	18,000	25	25	\$24	
New Army Dock Co., Ltd.	10,000	68	8	\$17	
S. O. Farquhar, Boyd & Co. Ltd.	55,700	110	100	1,000,000, 138	
	STEAMBOATS, ETC., ETC.				
Black and Manby & Co., Ltd.	30,000	25	25	\$20, sellers	
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	50	all	\$34, buyers	
H.K. O. and M. Steamboat Co., Ltd.	80,000	10	10	\$28, sellers	
Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited	60,000	10	all	\$84, sellers	
Star Ferry Company, Ltd.	10,000	10	10	\$32, buyers	
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	10,000	10	10	\$23	
Taku Tug and Lighter Co., Ltd.	10,000	10	10	\$60, 30	
Shanghai Tug and Lighter Co., Ltd.	200,000	50	50	\$120, 60, sellers	
Confederate	100,000	50	50	\$50, 50, sellers	
	REFINING.				
China Sugar Company, Limited	20,000	100	all	\$212, sellers	
Union Sugar Company Limited	7,000	100	all	\$25, buyers	
Peak Sugar Cultivation Co., Ltd.	7,000	100	50	\$120, 70	
	WAREHOUSES.				
H.K. & Kow. Wharf & Godown Co.	30,000	50	all	\$108, buyers	
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co.	12,000	100	100	\$195	
	LAND AND BUILDING.				
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited	50,000	100	100	\$125, sellers	
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd.	50,000	50	50	\$122	
Kowloon Land and Building Company	8,000	50	50	\$40, buyers	
Wai-ai-wei Land & Building Co., Ltd.	5,784	25	25	\$12, buyers	
Hampshire Estate & Finance Co.	150,000	10	all	\$124	
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	50	50	\$55, sellers	
	TRAMWAYS.				
H.K. High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd.	1,250	100	all	\$215	
	MINE.				
S. de la Francaise des Charbonnages de Tonkin	16,000	250	all	\$490	
Ranch Ash Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	500,000	1	1	\$10, 584	
	HOTELS, ETC.				
H. Kong Hotel Company, Ltd.	12,500	50	all	\$150, sales	
Astor House Hotel Ltd., (Tinian)	2,000	100	50	\$135, sales	
Astor House Hotel Co., Ltd. (Shanghai)	30,000	25	25	\$51	
	MERCHANDISE.				
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	50,000	10	10	\$15, buyers	
Watkins Limited	10,000	10	10	\$61, sellers	
	LOANES.				
H.K. and China Gas Co., Limited	1,000	10	all	\$175, buyers	
Shanghai Gas Company, Ltd.	50,000	100	50	\$180, buyers	
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	30,000	10	10	\$15, buyers	
New Electric (new issue)	20,000	10	10	\$14	
	BRICK AND CEMENT.				
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	150,000	10	10	\$34, sellers	
	AGENTS.				
H. A. S. & Co., Eastern Agency	5,000	10	10	\$7	
United Asiatic Oriental Agency, Limited	100,000	10	10	\$160	
M. S. Steam Water-boat Co., Ltd.	15,000	10	10	\$43	
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.	25,000	74	65	\$13, sellers	
Hongkong Tea Company, Limited	5,000	25	25	\$135	
Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd.	10,000	50	50	\$140, buyers	
Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd.	10,000	50	50	\$138	
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	10	10	\$14	
Kwo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd.	20,000	50	50	\$6, buyers	
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	70	70	\$14	
Tsao-King-How Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd.	5,000	100	100	\$60	
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	5,000	67	67	\$50	
China Borneo Company, Ltd.	50,000	10	10	\$15, sellers	
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	2,500	10	all	\$35	
Wm. Powell, Ltd.	5,000	10	10	\$11, buyers	
Shanghai and Hongkong Dyeing and Cleaning Co., Ltd.	1,200	57	57	\$40	
South China Mordant Press	5,000	35	35	\$30, sellers	
	COAL COMPANIES.				
Philippine Co., Ltd.	67,500	1	1	\$100, buyers	
Alphabeta Limited	30,135	207	10	\$100, buyers	
	LOANS.				
	Amounts.	Value.	Interest.	Amounts.	
Chinese Imperial Bank	181,100	1,000	5 p. ann.	181,100	
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